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## **BOIL WATER ORDER FOR DESCANSO DETENTION FACILITY**

***Test Results Show Bacteria Present in Drinking Water Supply***

The County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health (DEH) has issued a Boil Water Order and Public Notification for Descanso Detention Facility located at 7878 Campbell Ranch Road Alpine, CA 91901. Water samples collected on April 13, 2007 and reported by the facility on Saturday, April 14, 2007, confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria in the water distribution system. *E. coli* bacteria was **absent** in all samples.

Total coliform bacteria can come from soils and other sources in the environment, and can indicate a problem with the water supply system. The Boil Water Order was issued to Descanso Detention Facility to ensure all water used is free from contamination. The Boil Water Order will remain in effect until the distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples confirm the absence of bacteria in the water supply.

Descanso Detention Facility immediately took steps to prevent the public from coming in contact with the contaminated water on April 14th by posting public notification and providing bottled water.

*For more information on the Boil Water Order, please contact Dan Brogadir, County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, at (858) 694-2714.*

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